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FOR: PROCESS AND DEVICE FOR THE  
MANUFACTURE OF A COMPOSITE  
MATERIAL

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated March 15, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 8, line 34, through page 9, line 3, with the following text:

Figure 1 shows diagrammatically a line for production of rigid void-free composite sheets which includes upstream at least one multistorey creel 10 on which is placed a multiplicity of windings of commingled threads 11. The threads extracted from these windings are guided and combined by various members before entering a cutter 12. The chopped threads are collected and transferred by means of a conveyor belt 13 into a storage silo 14.